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Ms. Nichole Distefano
Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Nw, Room 3426 Arn
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: (b) (6)

Dear Ms. Distefano:

Please find enclosed correspondence I received from the above-referenced constituent. I would appreciate your review of this information in accordance with established policies and procedures. Upon completion of your review, please forward clarification of your findings to the address below.

In the event my office may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Charles Spry at (770) 661-0999. Thank you for your efforts in this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Johnny Isakson
United States Senate

Enclosure (s)
One Overton Park, Suite 970
3625 Cumberland Blvd
Atlanta, GA 30339
ATTN: Charles Spry



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I, the undersigned, hereby authorize the release of all pertinent information to Senator Johnny Isakson to make an inquiry on my behalf to the following Federal agency: _____

EPA - Water Sense Program

(Name of Federal Agency)

Name: (b) (6)

Address: (b) (6)

City, State, ZIP Code: (b) (6)

Social Security # : _____

Other ID#: (b) (6)

Telephone #: (b) (6)

Signature: (b) (6)

Date: 04-27-16

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROBLEM BELOW:

Please contact the EPA - WaterSense program to ask them to give full and fair consideration to their review of automatic pool covers as a water saving product. Our manufacturing facility, in Suwanee, GA would greatly benefit from increased consumer awareness generated by the inclusion of automatic pool covers as part of the EPA - Water Sense labeling program.

A coalition of pool cover manufacturers has been engaged with the EPA for over 1 year and we await their determination on moving forward with product testing and verification. at this point, it would be helpful for members of congress to express support for inclusion of products that demonstrate significant savings in water conservation.

Please return completed form to:

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3625 Cumberland Boulevard, Suite 970
Atlanta, Georgia 30339
or fax to: 770-661-0768
or email to: casework@isakson.senate.gov



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Richard Gottwald
President & CEO

January 14, 2015

Veronica Blette
Chief, WaterSense Branch
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; Mail Code 4204M
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Blette:

On behalf of manufacturers represented by the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP), we request to join in partnership with the WaterSense program. Earlier this year four of the largest U.S. manufacturers of swimming pool covers joined forces to form the Water Conservation Coalition within APSP.

For purposes of future correspondence, please use the following address for APSP:

2111 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500
Alexandria, VA 22314
P: 703/838-0083

All four companies have U.S. operations and will submit location details for your files if that is a necessary step to move forward.

Each company is available to work with your technical staff to identify which suite of products provides the greatest savings in water usage, allowing for product differentiation and improved consumer awareness. If and when these products receive the WaterSense label, each company plans to market them extensively to the U.S. consumer.

Each company also agrees to maintain a certification listing for products receiving the WaterSense label. To encourage your department to pursue a specification development process for pool covers, we call your attention to a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy. The study compared the USD\$ savings for outdoor pools in different regions of the country. Evaporation was the root cause of up to 70% of the energy loss. If a pool cover was used, residential home owners yearly cost saving were calculated in the thousands of dollars, in all geographic regions of the country.

However, some pool owners decline to purchase covers due to short term cost considerations. Providing a means to differentiate the most efficient products will raise consumer awareness and allow point of sale conversations on long term benefits. And, more importantly, will reduce evaporation from heat loss and provide tangible water savings nationwide.

Members of the coalition are planning a trip to Washington, DC in March of 2015 and welcome the opportunity to provide additional background to you and your staff. We will also meet with policy makers on Capitol Hill who have expressed interest on national water conservation matters.

We hope this letter will encourage a future productive dialog and help the industry connect with consumers on important matters of water conservation and beneficial cost savings.
Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Gottwald', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rich Gottwald
President & CEO



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Comments:
